

Appl. No.: 10/728,652
Preliminary Amendment

REMARKS

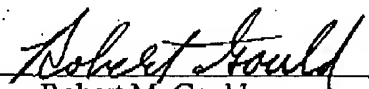
The present amendment makes changes in the specification which conform with the requirements of United States patent practice. No new matter is added by this amendment. It is the understanding of the Applicants that no fee is required at this time, however, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any insufficiency or credit for any overpayment.

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for allowance and such allowance is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions related to this Amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

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